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January 25, 1985

Mr. David T. Stemple
Berwind Land Company
1150 One Valley Square
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Mr. Stemple:

This is to confirm the oral notice EPA gave you on January 15, 1985, at 11:00 A.M. The text of that notice follows:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is about to spend public funds to investigate and take corrective action involving releases of hazardous substances, pollutants and other contaminants at the Shaffer Equipment Company, located in Minden, West Virginia. This action is authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq. CERCLA. Under CERCLA, responsible parties may be liable for money expended by the Government to take necessary corrective action at the site, including investigation, planning, clean-up and enforcement costs. Potential responsible parties include the current owner or operator of the site, the past owner or operator, and persons who generated the substances or were involved in transport, treatment or disposal of them at the site.

EPA believes that you are a potential responsible party. Before the government takes corrective action at this site, we are extending this opportunity to you to voluntarily perform the required work to secure the site and abate the threat to public health and the environment. Specific information as to the steps necessary to control and stabilize this site can be made available upon request by calling or corresponding with Mr. Robert E. Caron, Federal On-Scene Coordinator or Mr. Kermit Rader, Regional Counsel.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Caron
On-Scene Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Philadelphia, Pa.

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